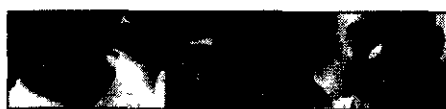

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West Orange city, Texas

Highlights from the Census 2000 Demographic Profiles:

General Characteristics - show more >>					
	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Total population	4,111	100.0	100%	map	brief
Male	2,001	48.7	49.1%	map	brief
Female	2,110	51.3	50.9%	map	brief
Median Age (years)	37.2	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years	296	7.2	6.8%	map	
18 years and over	3,104	75.5	74.3%		
65 years and over	724	17.6	12.4%	map	brief
One race - Total	4,033	98.1	97.6%		
White	3,820	92.9	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American	76	1.8	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native	14	0.3	0.9%	map	brief
Asian	25	0.6	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race	98	2.4	5.5%	map	
Two or more races	78	1.9	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	237	5.8	12.5%	map	brief
Average household size	2.46	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size	2.92	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units	1,876	100.0	100.0%	map	
Occupied housing units	1,672	89.1	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units	1,213	72.5	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units	459	27.5	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units	204	10.9	9.0%	map	
Social Characteristics - show more >>					
	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Population 25 years and over	2,760	100.0			
High school graduate or higher	2,050	74.3	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher	201	9.4	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 25 years and older)	506	16.3	12.7%	map	brief
Disability Status (population 21 to 64 years)	451	19.9	19.2%	map	brief
Foreign Born	149	3.6	11.1%	map	brief
Now Married (population 15 years and over)	1,847	56.2	54.4%		brief
Speak a language other than English at home (5 years and older)	398	10.2	17.9%	map	brief
Economic Characteristics - show more >>					
	Number	Percent	U.S.		
In Labor Force (16 years and older)	1,839	56.9	63.9%		brief
Mean travel time to work in minutes (16 years and older)	16.9	(X)	25.5	map	
Median household income (dollars)	32,224	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income (dollars)	40,167	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income (dollars)	15,850	(X)	21,857	map	
Families below poverty level	134	11.2	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level	549	13.2	12.4%	map	
Housing Characteristics - show more >>					
	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Single-family owner-occupied homes	1,014	100.0			
Median value (dollars)	40,700	(X)	119,600	map	brief
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)			
With a mortgage	644	(X)	1,088	map	
Not mortgaged	234	(X)	295		

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P27. PLACE OF WORK FOR WORKERS 16 YEARS AND OVER--PLACE LEVEL [5] - Universe:

Workers 16 years and over

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>

	West Orange city, Texas
Total	1,625
Living in a place	1,625
Worked in place of residence	263
Worked outside place of residence	1,362
Not living in a place	0

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History

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The Orange Leader has been the newspaper of Orange County since 1875 and celebrated its 125th year of publication in 2000.

Currently part of the cnhi (Community Newspaper Holdings Inc) chain of more than 100 dailies and weeklies, the newspaper is leading the county into the 21st century with a modern, fully-paginated newsroom. During the last two years, numerous technical upgrades have been made to the news, classified and retail advertising sections, and the Orange Leader now features this online edition (www.orangeleader.com)

A P Harris is credited as the founder of what would become the Orange Leader, arriving in the riverfront town of Orange in 1875 and starting the Orange Weekly Tribune for the town's 2,000 residents. The first issue came out July 24, 1875. Research done as part of the paper's 100th anniversary in 1975 showed the newspaper is the only business to remain in continuous operation without interruption since 1875.

After a few weeks operating as the Orange Daily Tribune in 1880, the paper reverted to its weekly status until it was sold to Mrs. D J. Stark in 1885. Mrs. Stark's grandson, J.T. Stark, became the new editor.

Three years later, competition arose in the form of the weekly Orange Leader, operated by brothers-in-law Charles M. Rein and George M. Teague. Its first issue came out May 25, 1888. In October of the same year, the Southeast Texas Journal started up, also in Orange, and operated until 1890.

Mrs. Stark sold the Tribune to Rein and Teague in 1896, and they consolidated the two papers under the title the Orange Leader and Weekly Tribune. Around the turn of the century, Teague sold his interest to Rein and subsequently disappeared during a sea voyage from Galveston to New York.

In 1904, Rein sold the daily Tribune and the weekly Leader to D. Dickensheets and A. Ford. Later in the year, they combined the publications under the title the Orange Leader, Citizen-Record Consolidated -- shortening that after a few issues to the present title.

Ford and J. L. Harris eventually assumed ownership of the paper, but Ford ran into financial difficulties and publication of the daily was discontinued until hundreds of Orange residents petitioned for a return to daily status. Ford later went bankrupt and his creditor, W. H. Stark, bought the paper, later selling it to the Marsh-Fentress Co.

During the latter part of the 1920s, O. D. Roberts and J. S. McBeath leased The Leader from Marsh-Fentress and, in 1930, McBeath bought it.

In August 1937, James B. (Jimmy) Quigley, joined by his wife, Anne Quigley, and mother, Edna Quigley, organized a family corporation known as the Orange Leader Publishing Co. and bought the paper from McBeath.

Under the Quigleys, the paper moved into its current location at 200 W. Front Ave. -- the exact spot where A. P. Harris opened his mercantile business and began publishing the Tribune in 1875.

The paper was later purchased by the Cox and American newspaper groups before being sold, along with its sister paper, the Port Arthur News, in 1998 to cnhi. Peter Rogers is the Leader's current publisher. A native of Colorado Springs, Colo., he was the publisher of the Dickinson Press for 13 years. He also served seven years as publisher of the Democrat-Messenger in Waynesburg, Pa., and got his start in the newspaper business in 1975 with the Caspar Star Tribune in Caspar, Wyo. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Colorado and a graduate of Air Academy High in Colorado Springs.

Margaret Toal is the current editor. A 1971 graduate of Litcher Stark High, she has a bachelor's of art degree from the University of North Texas in journalism. At the University of North Texas, she worked on the North Texas Daily, the student publication. She was twice nominated by the faculty for the national William Randolph Hearst Award for spot news and general news reporting. While in college, she won a Southwestern Journalism Congress award for best live entertainment review.

While with the Lufkin News, she won a UPI first place for feature writing. She has also worked for the Beaumont Enterprise and the Mid County Chronicle.

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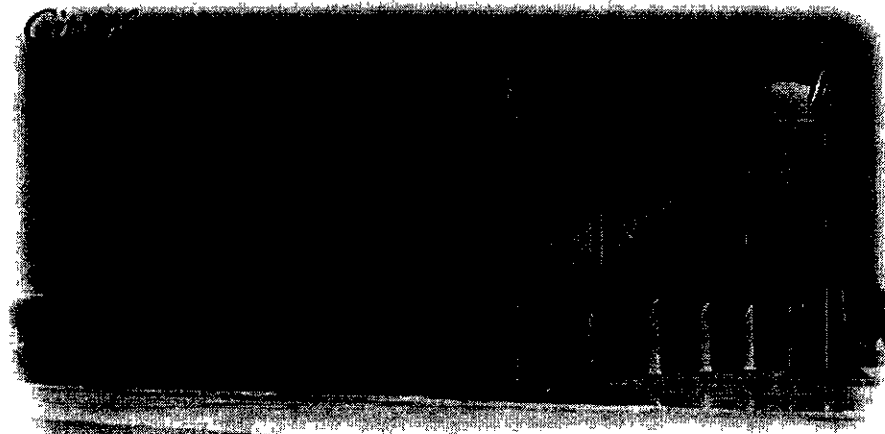
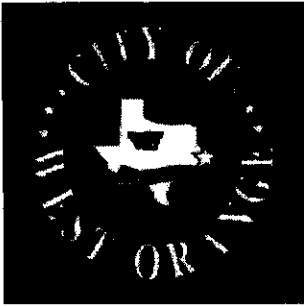
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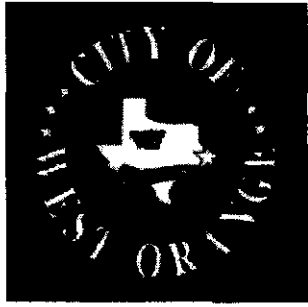
WEST ORANGE, TEXAS. West Orange is on Farm Road 1006 just southwest of Orange and thirty miles east of Beaumont in southeastern Orange County. The town plat for the West Orange addition to Orange was filed in 1902. A substantial residential community developed by virtue of the site's position between the industrial facilities at Orange, those to the south at Port Vernon, which were planned by 1903, and those to the north at Doc Brown Station, at the junction of the Texas and New Orleans and Orange and Northwestern railroads. Oil and brick production was centered at Port Vernon, and a rice warehouse, the Peden Iron and Steel Company, and the county dipping vat were located at Doc Brown Station. In 1954 West Orange was incorporated by a 381-90 vote. During the 1950s the population doubled, from 2,539 in 1950 to 5,080 in 1960. Like many areas of heavily industrialized Jefferson and Orange counties, however, West Orange declined during the two decades that followed. By 1980 the number of residents living there had dropped to 4,610. In 2000 the population was 4,111.

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- Shirley Bonnin, Mayor Pro-tem
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- Frank Skeeler, Councilman
- Dale Dardeau, Councilman

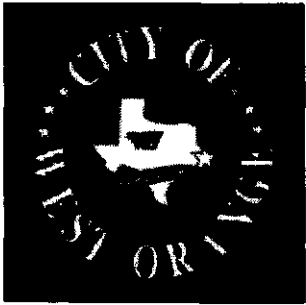
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- Joe Alford, City Attorney
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- Chris Boone, Public Works Director

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- Lester Saucier, Jr., Building Inspector
- Lewis Hogan, Fire Marshall
- Randy Ener, Fire Chief

All of the above persons can be contacted through the West Orange City Hall at 409.883.3468 or by e-mail at the general mailbox of westorange@cityofwestorange.com . The West Orange City Hall is located at 2700 Western Avenue in West Orange, Texas.



City Charter

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***Editor's note**—The city's home rule charter was adopted at an election held on May 19, 1956, and is included herein for the convenience of the users of this Code. The original arrangement, article headings and section catchlines have been retained. Words appearing in brackets herein have been added by the editor for clarification. A uniform system of capitalization has been used. Obvious misspellings have been corrected without notation. Amended sections are designated by history notes in parentheses.

State constitution reference - Charter to be consistent with constitution and general laws, Art. XI, § 5.

State law reference - Home rule municipality, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 9 001 et seq.

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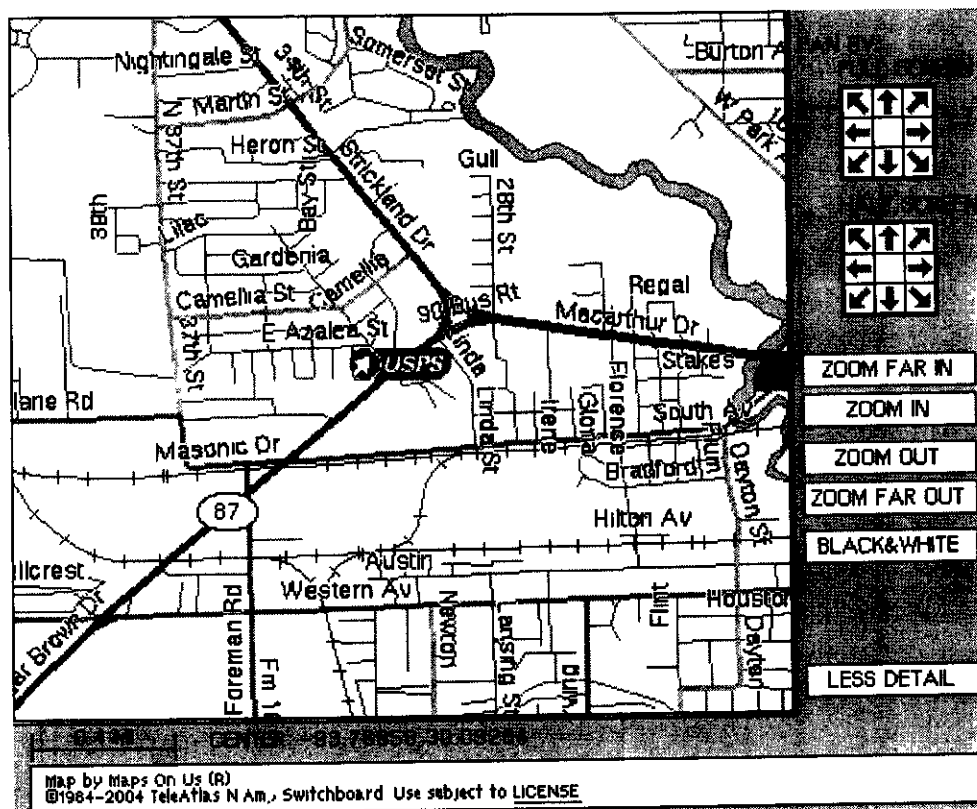

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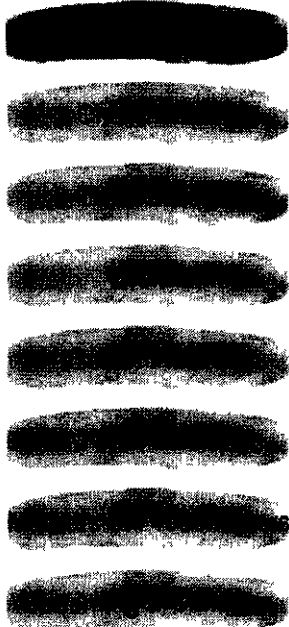
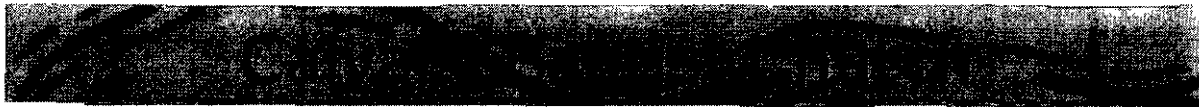
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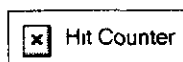
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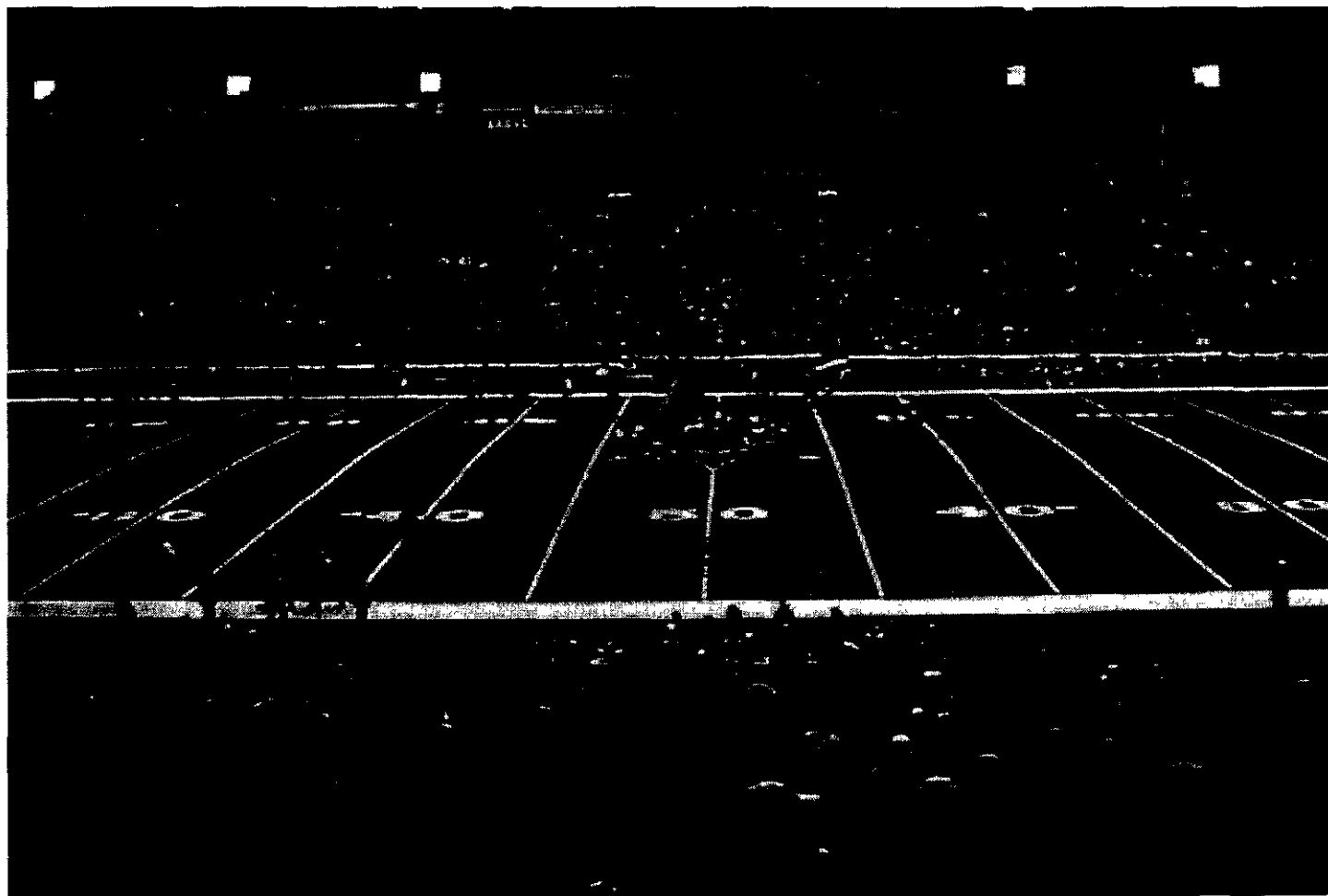
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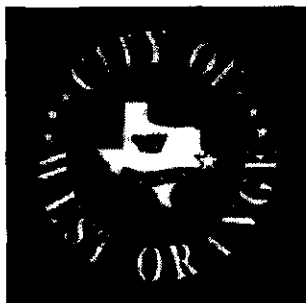
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- o Sanitation Service is mandatory in the City of West Orange. This service is offered through the City of West Orange located at the City Hall, 2700 Western Avenue in West Orange and may be reached at 409.883.3468.
- o Electric service is available only through one provider and it is Entergy, they may be reached by telephone at 1.800.ENERGY.
- o Natural Gas service is available only through one provider and it is Reliant Energy Entex and may be reached by telephone at 409.883.4336.
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Facts about us!



West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District believes that we, as educators, influence the energies of the school and community on with unlimited capacity to compete in a diverse six campuses educate approximately 3,200 students in West Orange, Pinehurst, and West Orange. These campuses are located approximately 120 miles southeast of Houston, Texas.

Mission Statement

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The mission of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District multicultural community, is to graduate students able to reach their potent society as productive, responsible citizens by utilizing an innovative curriculum facilities, patrons' special talents and unique business/industry partnership.

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A TEA "Recognized" District

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Board of Trustees

Trustees

- Scott Clark, President
- Nancy Byers, Vice-President
- Beth Wheeler, Secretary
- Shirley B. Martin, Member
- Carl Harris, Member

-  Eric Mitchell, Member
-  Pete Amy, Member

See Board Operating Procedures

Meetings

Citizens are welcome to attend the Board of Trustees meeting held in the Administration Building board room, at 6 p.m. the last Monday of each month. The agenda is posted at the Administration Building, 505 15th Street.

School board committee meetings are at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building board room on posted dates, generally one week before the regular meeting. Board committees include Finance, Building and Grounds, and Policy and Insurance.

Trustee Election

The WO-C CISD has seven trustees serving staggered terms of three years. State law provides that a trustee election shall be held on the first Saturday of May each year for the purpose of electing trustees to vacancies that occur due to the expiration of the term of office of incumbents.

WO-C holds an at-large election with two or three seats on the ballot, with the recipients of the most votes earning election.

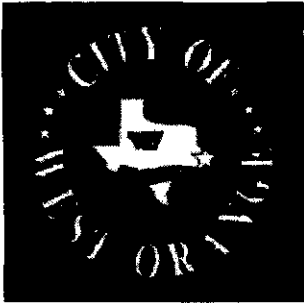
Qualifications for office are to be a qualified (registered) voter, take the official oath of office, service without compensation, and have lived in the state for 12 months and the district for six months.

District Facilities

In addition to West Orange-Stark High School and Middle School, the WO-C CISD school system has three grades K-5 elementary schools. The district also has an exemplary Career Center, which provides vocational education. North Early Learning Center offers preschool programs.

West Orange-Cove's high school, West Orange-Stark High School, has received state recognition as a Mentor High School and promotes a High Schools to Work philosophy. In addition, teachers and students from all levels have received numerous national and state awards.

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Police Department

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A Message from the Chief:

Hello and welcome to the West Orange Police Department's Web Page. We are glad that you have chosen to visit us, and I welcome you to return.

The West Orange Police Department is comprised of dedicated law enforcement professionals who are committed to providing unparalleled service to our community. Our staff is dedicated to maintaining high standards of integrity, professionalism and excellence.

The West Orange Police Department is a pro-active agency that is dedicated to community policing. We recognize that a primary component of effective law enforcement is the participation of our citizens. We, with our citizens, ensure that the law enforcement needs of this community are met. To help us perform our duties, we encourage citizens, business workers and visitors to be alert, take precautions, and to report any crime or suspicious activity to the Police Department. Working together in a partnership we can achieve goals on improving the quality of life in West Orange, Texas.

We are very proud of our Department and the quality of service that we provide. In the past years we have had, and made use of, opportunities to implement a pro-active and dynamic change of our Department. We have not had better working relations with other agencies, this being inclusive of administration flowing down through the clerical ranks in the department. I feel this is necessary in law enforcement because "criminals know no boundaries!". Working together we can pool our resources, establish patterns and share equipment to help "take a bite out of crime!".

As we face the challenges of the millennium and look forward to advances in technology, we continue to focus on a pro-active strategy involving the community and the Police Department working together to not only make our city, but our community, a safe and secure place to live, work and play.

I am very proud to serve and be a part of the West Orange Police Department. The Department and its members are dedicated to excellence in service to the citizens and visitors of the City of West Orange, Texas, 24 hours per day. Don't hesitate to call upon us.

Michael S. Stelly
Chief of Police

such territory within the corporate limits as may be prescribed from time to time by ordinances; may provide for the issuance of permits for erecting all buildings, for the inspection of the construction of buildings, in respect to proper wiring for electric lights and other electric appliances, piping for gas flues, chimneys, fire escapes, plumbing and sewer connections, and to enforce proper regulations in regard thereto; may provide for the enforcement of all ordinances enacted by the city, by a fine not to exceed that allowed by state law.

(Ord. No. 266, § 1(Amd. 10), 5-4-96)

Editor's note—The maximum fine for the violation of ordinances is provided in V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 54.001.

ARTICLE VIII. DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. General.

The city council may create or establish, abolish or consolidate, as many departments or offices as it may deem necessary for the best interest of the city. It may divide the administration of such departments or offices as it may deem advisable.

Section 2. Rules and Regulations for Departments.

The city council may establish by ordinance such rules and regulations covering the conduct and performance, employment and discharge of personnel in the departments and may from time to time amend such rules and regulations.

Section 3. Police Department.

The city shall have a police department which will be under the general supervision of the city chief of police. The city council shall by ordinance provide for the number of police officers and their qualifications; shall fix their salaries and their terms of office; shall make provisions for their removal from office; shall provide for the giving of bonds for faithful performance of their duties

in office; and shall make such other regulations as might be deemed necessary for the control and operation of the police department. Such officers shall have like powers, rights and authorities as are vested in city marshal under the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, § 341.021

(Ord. No. 266, § 1(Amd. 11), 5-4-96)

Section 4. Fire Department.

The city council by ordinance shall provide for a fire department consisting of paid firemen or volunteer firemen, or a combination of paid firemen and volunteer firemen. If paid firemen are to be employed, the city council shall by ordinance provide for the number of paid firemen, their pay, their term of office, provisions for removal of firemen and such other provisions as might be necessary for supervision and control of firemen. The city council shall by ordinance establish such other rules and regulations for a fire department as might be necessary for the proper control and operation of same.

(Ord. No. 214, § 1(Amd. 7), 3-14-88)

Section 5. Recreation Department.

The city shall have the right to establish a recreation department and appropriate necessary funds for the operation of the same. The city shall have the authority to enter into contracts or agreements with other municipalities or political subdivisions in carrying out a joint recreational program for the city and adjoining political subdivisions.

ARTICLE IX. PUBLIC UTILITIES

Section 1. City Ownership and Operation Thereof.

(a) In general. The city shall have the power to build, construct, purchase, own, lease, maintain and operate, within or without the city limits, light and power systems, water systems, sewer systems or sanitary disposal